

Honorable Kermit Gordon
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

For some time I have been concerned with the position of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Director as members of the Executive Department of the Government. In some respects this is measured by the status of the positions under the Federal Executive Pay Act of 1956. Under existing law, the Director of Central Intelligence falls in category IV and the Deputy Director in category V under the FEPA.

It is my belief that if the Director of Central Intelligence is to discharge most effectively his statutory responsibilities and the responsibilities outlined in the President's memorandum of 16 January 1962 the position should be included in category I which now includes ten Cabinet positions, Director of Office of Emergency Planning, 27 Ambassadors and 35 four-star Generals and Admirals.

The Deputy Director should, in my opinion, be included in category II which includes, among others, the Under Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Comptroller General, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and the Chairman or Administrator of principal agencies such as AIE, NASA, AEC, FAA and the Commission on Civil Rights.

The proposed changes could be accomplished by amendment to the National Security Act of 1947 or be made part of the new Executive Pay bill providing one is considered by the Congress. In this regard, I have communicated my views on this matter to the President by letter of this same date.

I am enclosing lists showing the distribution of senior Government employees by groups and categories. You will be interested to note there are over 270 positions in the Government with compensations in excess of the salary provided for category IV of the FEPA.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure

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